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SUBJECT: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH AUSTRIA

1. SUMMARY. IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES REVIEWED ISSUES FOR UPCOMING 32ND UNGA ON JUNE 14 WITH AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR AND AUSTRIAN UN PERMREP. THEY AGREED THAT THERE WAS HOPE FOR AVOIDING CONFRONTATION OVER NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND AUSTRIANS MADE CLEAR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH US ON HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES, UPCOMING OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE HANDLING OF DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE ISSUE, AND PROBLEM OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET IN UN SYSTEM. JANKOWITSCH MADE STRONG BID FOR REVIVING VINCI GROUP IN NEW YORK IN VIEW OF CURRENT TENDENCY TO EMPHASIZE EC-9 CONSULTATIONS AND BARTON GROUP DISCUSSIONS OF DISARMAMENT, BOTH OF WHICH EXCLUDED SMALL EUROPEAN NEUTRALS. HE ALSO MADE ROUTINE
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AUSTRIAN PITCH FOR CHANNELLING UN FACILITIES TO VIENNA. END SUMMARY.

2. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR SCHOBER AND AUSTRIAN UN PERMREP JANKOWITSCH CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES JUNE 14 TO REVIEW UPCOMING ISSUES IN 32ND UNGA. JANKOWITSCH LED OFF WITH FOCUS ON NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC

ISSUES AND SEQUEL TO CIEC. HE STATED THAT CURRENT

EXPECTATION WAS FOR G-77 MINISTERIAL SEPTEMBER 12 AND RESUMED 31ST UNGA SEPTEMBER 13-16. PURPOSE OF LATTER WOULD BE TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF CIEC DIALOGUE IN PARIS AND ESTABLISH LINK TO ANY FUTURE BODY CARRYING ON THAT DIALOGUE. SPECIFIC ISSUES WITHIN THIS DIALOGUE WOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON BUT REMANDED TO 32ND UNGA. JANKOWITSCH EXPECTED THAT OECD COUNTRIES WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS FORMULA.

3. ASKED ABOUT FUTURE LOCUS FOR NORTH-SOUTH ACTION, JANKOWITSCH FELT UNCTAD WOULD BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AS WOULD 32ND UNGA DEBATE IN SECOND COMMITTEE. RATHER THAN ANY UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IN 1978 (IN WHICH YEAR HE ACKNOWLEDGED SSOD WOULD HAVE PRIMACY), HE FELT CURRENT DEBATE WOULD LOOK TOWARD UNCTAD V NOW TARGETED FOR 1979. (HE NOTED THAT G-77 HAD CHANGED UNCTAD INTERVAL TO THREE YEARS IN PART TO AVOID COINCIDENCE WITH U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SO THAT U.S. WOULD NOT BE DISTRACTED FROM ITS POLICY INPUT.) JANKOWITSCH ALSO NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IN 1979, THE CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN 1978 WOULD ADDRESS IMPORTANT NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES.

4. JANKOWITSCH SOUGHT U.S. VIEWS ON LIKELIHOOD OF UNGA CONFRONTATION WITH G-77, AND MAYNES OBSERVED THAT Milder tone of Perez Guerrero and others in New York recently was slightly encouraging compared to their confidential

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MENTS IN PARIS IN IMMEDIATE WAKE OF CIEC. MAYNES HOPED THAT WE COULD FOCUS ON WHERE WE GO NEXT IN NORTH-SOUTH DEBATE RATHER THAN IN CRITICIZING PAST. HE STRESSED OUR INTEREST IN TRYING TO STRUCTURE THE FORA FOR DEBATE IN A MANNER PROMOTING PROGRESS IN EVERY AREA WHERE THIS POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, U.S. HAD NOT ARRIVED AT POSITION BUT WAS LOOKING AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT IDEAS: USE OF REFORMED ECOSOC, UNCTAD OR USE OF GA ITSELF.

G-77 HAD ALREADY PROPOSED INFORMALLY THAT ECOSOC STRUCTURE MEETINGS AROUND PARTICULAR SUBJECTS TO ATTRACT MORE TECHNICALLY COMPETENT PEOPLE FROM CAPITALS. REGARDING THE GA, ONE MIGHT THINK OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE PERHAPS WITH SUB-GROUPS OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP TO DISCUSS CONCRETE SUBJECTS. JANKOWITSCH FELT THIS LAST SUGGESTION HAD POSSIBILITIES PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FAVORABLE CURRENT DISPOSITION IN NEW YORK TOWARD NEW ADMINISTRATION AND ANTICIPATION OF U.S. INITIATIVES OF THIS SORT. HE SUGGESTED ABOLISHING THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE WHICH

NO LONGER SERVED A USEFUL FUNCTION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ON-GOING PROCESS OF DISCUSSION COULD TAKE

PLACE IN TERMS OF THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE. HE STRONGLY DEPRECATED ECOSOC AS INSTRUMENT IN THE PROCESS, CALLING ITS REVIVAL TOTALLY QUOTE HOPELESS UNQUOTE. UNCTAD WOULD BE A FOCAL POINT, PARTICULARLY IN 1979 BUT THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE GA ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WOULD ALSO GET INVOLVED.

5. JANKOWITSCH THEN RAISED THE PROBLEM OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN STATES AT UNGA - THE ONLY GROUP THAT IS NOT ORGANIZED IN NEW YORK - NOTING THAT LACK OF EC-9 CONSULTATIONS HAD WEAKENED EMPHASIS ON VINCI GROUP LEAVING SMALL WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES OUT OF DISCUSSION. SAME THING HAD HAPPENED IN BARTON GROUP ON DISARMAMENT WHICH HE FELT HAD MISTAKENLY BEEN MODELED ON WESTERN CONFIDENTIAL

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CAUCUS IN CCD WHICH EXCLUDES EUROPEAN NEUTRALS. JANKOWITSCH STRONGLY URGED REACTIVATION OF VINCI GROUP AS LOCUS FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND DOWN-GRADED INCONVENIENCE OF PRESENCE OF MALTA AS A QUOTE TROJAN HORSE UNQUOTE.

6. IN RESPONSE TO JANKOWITSCH QUERY ABOUT U.S. EMPHASES AT 32ND UNGA, MAYNES RAISED STRONG INTEREST OF NEW ADMINISTRATION IN DISARMAMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ALSO NOTED OUR EXPECTATION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD HAVE PROMINENCE IN ASSEMBLY DECISIONS AND THAT WE HOPE TO SUSTAIN PROGRESS THAT CONTACT GROUP HAS MADE ON NAMIBIA AND THAT WE HOPED UK AND US WOULD MAKE ON RHODESIA. HE OBSERVED THAT MIDDLE EAST ISSUES WOULD BE PROMINENT AND HOPED THEY WOULD BE FAVORABLY INFLUENCED IF WE SEEMED TO BE MOVING TOWARDS THE GENEVA PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT WE WOULD HOPE TO BUILD ON MODEST PROGRESS MADE AT CIEC IN HANDLING NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER OUTLINED THE U.S. PLANS FOR UNGA WITH RESPECT TO UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TORTURE. JANKOWITSCH MENTIONED PARTICULAR INTEREST OF NEW AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA AND DESIRE OF AUSTRIANS TO PLAY A ROLE. BAKER INDICATED HIS AVAILABILITY FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE AND OTHER UNGA ISSUES WITH AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT SOME POINT DURING OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING IN VIENNA TO WHICH HE WOULD LEAD U.S. DELEGATION.

7. AS AN ADDED ISSUE OF CONCERN BOTH WITH RESPECT TO

32ND UNGA AND ENTIRE UN SYSTEM, MAYNES EMPHASIZED U.S. CONCERN WITH MANAGEMENT OF UN SYSTEM NOTING RAPIDLY RISING COSTS AND EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT PARLIAMENTS WOULD EVENTUAL REBEL AT CONTRIBUTING TO THE SYSTEM

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UNLESS THERE WAS TOUGHER APPROACH TO ISSUES SUCH AS SALARIES, COSTS AND EXPANSION. JANKOWITSCH CITED TENDENCY OF NEW FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL TO DUPLICATE UNDP RESREPS BY ESTABLISHING NETWORK OF RESREPS AS PARTICULARLY EGREGIOUS EXAMPLE OF COSTLY DUPLICATION. HE AGREED THAT AUSTRIA WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS TOWARDS BETTER MANAGEMENT IN UN SYSTEM.

8. JANKOWITSCH AND SCHOBBER MADE TRADITIONAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF UN FACILITIES IN VIENNA INSISTING THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO WEAKEN NEW YORK AS POLITICAL CENTER OF UN BUT DID WISH TO HAVE CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF GROWTH IN UN SYSTEM CHANNELLED TO VIENNA. HE NOTED PAST U.S. SYMPATHY TOWARDS THIS IDEA AND STRONG BIPARTISAN AUSTRIAN SUPPORT. MAYNES ASSURED AUSTRIANS THAT U.S. POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED IN THIS REGARD DESPITE CONCERN THAT HAD ARISEN WHEN PRESIDENT HAD CALLED FOR RETURN OF HRD FROM GENEVA FROM NEW YORK.

9. WHILE DEPARTING, BAKER RAISED WITH JANKOWITSCH KEY DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE (DBS) ISSUE AT UPCOMING OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING. JANKOWITSCH NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE DESIRE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN AREA OF DBS PRINCIPLES. BAKER NOTED U.S. READINESS TO CONSULT TO THIS END BUT MADE CLEAR THAT U.S. COMMITTED TO FREE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND, IN LIGHT OF REFERENCE OF THIS ISSUE TO BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT, WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO GIVE GROUND ON KEY ISSUE OF PRIOR CONSENT. JANKOWITSCH EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THIS VIEW AND AGREED TO MEET ON FIRST DAY OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING ON TACTICS.

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